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PREFACE.

That a catalogue like the present has long been a desideratum to the ornithologist, is evidenced by the repeated demands that have been made of late years, in various periodical and other works, for some list of the British Birds, on something of a similar plan. The author, however, cannot plead public utility as his only motive for publishing it. He must have been compelled ere long, to have had a few copies printed for his own convenience, in arranging his rapidly increasing collection. He, however, gives it to the public, and sincerely hopes, that it may be of that use and assistance which he wishes it to be; at the same time, he begs that favour may be shewn, in case of any errors, typographical or other. The Plan and Style of the catalogue he is indebted for to J. CURTIS, ESQ. the justly celebrated author of the "British Entomology" who was the FIRST DEVISER of a similar plan* for labelling cabinets of British Insects, and to answer other useful purposes in the study of Entomology; i e, that by being printed on only one side of the leaf, each name may be separately cut out and affixed to its case.

* Of which, I believe a second edition with many important additions is preparing for the press, but the requisite number of subscribers is not yet quite completed. I heartily recommend every Entomologist, who wishes to have his cabinet arranged in a *really* scientific manner, to patronize this, and every other Entomological work of MR. CURTIS, a most deserving author, and who is thoroughly intimate with his subject.

As so much difference exists as to the proper location of various genera, I have thought it better, not to give any other divisions than those of genera and species, so that each collector by merely changing the relative situation of the cases, may place a bird in any family, or sub-family, or other division, as to its adaptation to which he may have changed his opinion. The grand object of having a *fixed* nomenclature, will, I hope be answered, and a world of trouble saved, in not having to print and reprint names over and over again, and "Sæpe Stylum Vertere." I must not forget to acknowledge the great assistance I have derived from the valuable work of MR. SELBY, and the admirable BEWICK, &c. &c.

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P.S. Numbers are affixed to each species, but so as to be conveniently cut off, if the present arrangement is disapproved of.

Temminck having removed the Hawfinch from the Genus Loxia, and applied to it the Generic name Fringilla, I have left the generic names of the Chaffinch and Brambling to be supplied according to the pleasure of each Ornithologist, they being evidently adapted to a genus by themselves, and having none named for them as such, as far as I am aware.

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